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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO AND KOREA

NKEF: A. STATE 178439 B. STATE 181500 C. RABAT 3467

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED GOM ON VARIOUS LEVELS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. GOM SYMPATHETIC TO BOTH QUESTIONS, BUT ITS SAHARA PREOCCUPATION WILL PREVENT IF FROM GETTING OUT IN FRONT IN DEBATE AND WILL LIKELY LEAD TO GOM ACQUIESCENCE IN ANY CONSENSUS RESOLUTIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS. END SUMMARY.

2. PUERTO RICO: PRIOR TO RECEIPT REF B, EMBOFF HAD DISCUSSED PUERTO RICO WITH MFA AFRICAN/ASIAN AFFARIS DIVISION CHIEF BISBIS ON JULY 23, DRAWING ON REFTEL A. DCM CALLED ON MFA AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFARIS DIVISION CHIEF BELKORA JULY 26, MAKING DETAILED PRESENTATION DRAWING FROM REFTELS A AND B. DCM LEFT PUERTO RICO AIDE MEMOIRE (STATE 181705). PRESIDENT'S PUERTO RICO STATEMENT HAD BEEN PASSED PREVIOUSLY TO BELKORA (REF C).

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3. BELKORA ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS, BUT OFFERED NO COMMENT.

4. KOREA: LOCAL CORE GROUP CHAIRED BY BELGIAN AMBASSADOR MET JULY 27. COPIES OF SECRETARY'S SEATTLE REMARKS (STATE 181897) WERE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PRESENT. GROUP DISCUSSED AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH BELGIANS WOULD BE PRESENTING, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT CORE GROUP MEMBERS OTHER THAN KOREAN AMBASSADOR SHOULD DO NOTHING FURTHER PENDING OUTCOME OF BELGIAN EFFORT.

5. BELGIAN AMB SAW MFA SECSTATE CHERKAOUI JULY 28 (FONMIN ON VACATION) AND PRESENTED CORE GROUP'S AIDE MEMOIRE. CHERKAOUI SAID GOM AGREED WITH CORE GROUP POSITION SINCE ITS RELATIONS WITH ROK "EXCELLENT" AND IN VIEW DPRK'S RECOGNITION SAHARA DEMOCRATIC ARAB REPUBLIC. GOM WORRIED, HOWEVER, THAT DPRK POSITION WOULD OBTAIN MAJORITY AT COLOMBO SINCE IT HAD ALREADY BEEN ADMITTED TO NAM. GOM WOULD THEREFORE TAKE PRUDENT AND REASONABLE POSITION, KEEPING IN MIND "ITS OWN PROBLEMS ON SAHARA". IT DID NOT OPPOSE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL SINCE GOM HAS ALWAYS FAVORED DISCUSSIONS. GOM BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT CPR POSITION WOULD BE DETERMINING FACTOR ON THIS PROPOSAL.

6. KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAD SEEN FONMIN LARAKI OVER A WEEK AGO. LARAKI STATED AT THAT TIME THAT GOM'S POSITION ON KOREA WOULD BE SAME THIS YEAR AS LAST (I.E., IN FAVOR OF PRO-ROK RESOLUTION, ABSTENTION ON DPRK). LARAKI TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT KOREAN AMB'S REQUEST FOR VOTE AGAINST DPRK, CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PRO-ROK RESOLUTION, AND POSSIBLE GOM STATEMENT AT COLOMBO IN FAVOR OF ROK. KOREAN AMBASSADOR NOW HAS NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK GOM SUPPORT FOR KISSINGER INITIATIVE AND WILL BE SEEING FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI OR MFA SECSTATE CHERKAOUI.

7. WE HAVE PASSED COPIES OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO BELKORA AND BISBIS. HOWEVER, WE ARE INCLINED NOT TO USE AIDE MEMOIRE. CORE GROUP CONCURS. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO SEE LARAKI BETWEEN LATTER'S RETURN FROM LEAVE AND DEPARTURE FOR COLOMBO TO STRESS THESE TWO POINTS ORALLY AND SEEK GOM CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEWS ON CONFERENCE IN GENERAL.

8. COMMENT: GOM CLEARLY SYMPATHETIC ON BOTH ISSUES. HOWEVER, THEY ARE BOTH SECONDARY TO GOM'S ALL-CONSUMING CONCERN OVER SAHARA QUESTION. REALISTICALLY, WE SHOULD EXPECT GOM TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS. SUGGESTED ARGUMENT IN REF A THAT NAC CONFEREES SHOULD BE URGED TO AVOID NAC'S PAST TENDENCY TO SEEK CONSENSUS WILL NOT GO FAR AT ALL HERE.

ON THE CONTRARY, GOM IS HOPING THAT CONFEREES, IN INTEREST
OF CONSENSUS, WILL EITHER AVOID SAHARA DEBATE OR REACH
UNOBJECTIONABLE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION TO WHICH ALL PARTIES
CAN ASCRIBE.
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